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## TAFT BELIEVES HIS OHIO FIGHT IS WON

**He Returns to Washington to Prepare for His Trip to the Philippines Leaving His Candidacy in the Hands of His Friends.**

**Senator Foraker Leaves Dick in Charge of Ohio Situation and Goes to Washington to Renew His Fight Against the President on the Brownsville Affair—Ohio is Now Very Much in the Political Limelight.**

Washington, May 2.—Secretary Taft returned from Ohio satisfied that the battle over that state is already won for him, and won by a force of public sentiment too strong for the senators to overcome.

Not only did his brother, Charles P. Taft and his manager for Ohio Arthur I. Vorys, report to this effect, but friends he saw and messages he received from every section of Ohio during his brief visit there confirmed, in his opinion, the statements of his brother and Vorys.

The secretary of war sees still less excuse in consequence, for departing a step from his program of attending to his public business in his usual, dignified way, saying nothing on the stump or off, of a political nature personal to his own fortunes, or of changing his plans for the Philippine trip. In short the secretary is more than ever satisfied that the only proper contribution on his part to his own boom will be an effective performance of his public duties.

Reports of the reception accorded Mr. Burton's speech at Trenton, N. J., and voluntary assurances of support that are daily reaching the secretary from every section of the union, convince him that the same tactics will be as successful outside of Ohio. But it is daily more evident to those who come in contact with Secretary Taft that he would not change his attitude if the outlook seemed as unpromising in his eyes as it now appears.

It is plain if the presidency is only to be had by running after it, William H. Taft will never be president. He won't run after it. He declined to talk politics today, and he has no intention of talking politics in the future. Speaking as a

member of President Roosevelt's cabinet, and in behalf of the Roosevelt administration he will discuss public affairs, the Brownsville case, railroad rates, and the like in his coming speeches in Oklahoma and the southwest, but he does not regard these speeches as contributions to his own candidacy. The president wants to have him make them, and he will.

It was a concession on his part that he devoted so much time to political conferences in Cincinnati. Such quiet advising with friends who want to further his cause, there or elsewhere, will be about the only part he will take as a candidate. And such conferences usually end with his suggesting that his friends go ahead as seems best to them, with the one iron clad stipulation that there shall be no deals.

Secretary Taft would consent to no deal with Foraker, he will tolerate no deal with George B. Cox. His brother, Charles P. Taft, was never at any time authorized to promise Cox, or Herrmann or Hynicka anything in the name of William H. Taft, and Charles P. Taft insists that he never did. The war secretary has said that he would not have the presidency at the price of a compromise with Cox, the boss he once advised Cincinnati Republicans to smash.

As the secretary returns satisfied that the people of Ohio have already decided between himself and Foraker, the report reaches Washington that the senior Ohio senator is coming to this city at the end of this week, ostensibly to prepare for a new beginning in the Brownsville investigation.

Friends of the administration point to this as the best evidence that Secretary Taft is entitled to believe the fight is over and victory his in Ohio.

for when Foraker left for Canton, he was stepping fast and high and brandishing the tomahawk for immediate war. His plan was to follow his keynote speech at Canton with a rapid fire series of speeches elsewhere, as fast as he had invitations. He was to call an immediate meeting of the state central committee, and have a date and final arrangements for a state primary made at once. He said he wanted to get this fight over and out of the way before the beginning of the next session of congress.

But since his Canton speech, so it is pointed out in the vicinity of the White House, Foraker has been silent. Instead of a call for a meeting of the state central committee, Walter Brown, its chairman, who belongs to the senators, is daily explaining why it is impracticable to hold a primary this year. Dick and his lieutenants are also putting frantic pressure on the soft pedal to hush the noise about a primary.

Friends of Secretary Taft in Ohio told him that the greatest obstacle to a primary, in their opinion, was to get the senators to face one. They prophesied that the senators would lie down and quit the fight before the stage of vote counting could be reached.

Nevertheless the Taft forces do not intend to let slip the advantage this situation holds for them. Senator Foraker will be frequently reminded from now on that he issued a challenge to a primary test. The Taft people do not consider that they must carry the burden of details or solve the problem of how the primary is to be held. It was Senator Foraker's proposition, they say. He proposed it and he must have a practical working plan ready if his proposal was in good faith.

Nor will friends of Secretary Taft in Ohio let up in the work of organizing begun by Vorys because they think their fight is won. They want to clinch the advantage in public sentiment, which they are satisfied they have, with effective work by enthusiastic Taft men in every election precinct. Vorys was able to report some progress to his candidate in this connection, but with the explanation that he had only just begun to fight.

Secretary Taft spent much of the day with President Roosevelt, talking over conditions as he found them in Ohio. He will have a conference with Congressman Burton tomorrow.

### STATUE OF GENERAL McCLELLAN UNVEILED

Washington, May 2.—The government this afternoon unveiled a magnificent equestrian statue of General George B. McClellan. President Roosevelt delivered the chief address. His remarks were extemporaneous. He was followed by Generals Sikes and Howard. Major General Dodge was unable to be present and his address was read. General King and Dwight also took part in the ceremony. Dr. George McClellan of Philadelphia, a nephew of the great soldier, unveiled the monument. Elaborate military display accompanied the unveiling.

night, George Kirby, his assailant, hurried from the village of Millersville, to this city, to prevent possible violence.

Kirby, a saloonkeeper, shot Merchant through the abdomen, in an argument over the recent local option election, which went "dry." Merchant was the leading "dry" advocate Kirby then turned on his bartender, Fred Warning, and shot him through the leg. It is supposed Warning was trying to save Kirby Merchant's life.

### DE MASSY TRIAL NEARLY COMPLETED

New York, May 2.—Arguments here today, in the case of Baroness De Massy, who is charged with the murder of Gustav Simon, the millionaire manufacturer, and the case will probably go to the jury before night.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—An outbreak occurred today in Vioburg prison, where political convicts are detained. The prisoners refused to obey the guards and soldiers who were called in fired on the prisoners. One was killed and many wounded.

### JEALOUSY CAUSES A MURDER AT IRONTON

Ironton, Ohio, May 2.—Dr. Wayne McCoy was shot and instantly killed this morning by Captain John Davis, at the latter's home at South Point. Davis has disappeared. It is claimed that Davis was jealous of McCoy's alleged attentions to Davis' wife.

Portsmouth, O., May 2.—Captain Davis, who killed Dr. McCoy, left here at noon for Ironton to surrender. He is a prominent steamboat man and says the killing was justified.

## PRESSMEN ON STRIKE

**Only One St. Louis Daily Published a Paper Today.**

St. Louis, Mo., May 2.—Pressmen on all dailies except the Times, which is not a member of the publishers association, struck today and publishers of all papers, except the Times, suspended publication. The pressmen made demands May 1 and the publishers claim that their contract with the union compels arbitration, and assert that the international officers told the men not to strike. The publishers have called on the international to fill the strikers' places.

## FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

**Denied to Missionaries to the Philippines and the Commission is Notified.**

Washington May 2.—Methodist missionaries have appealed to the Philippine commission, according to advice from Manila, because the native officials have offered obstacles to their services. In one city, the mayor stopped a meeting in the midst of a prayer and refused to allow a continuance until a license was obtained. Rev. Johnson, a missionary complains that he was imprisoned because he demanded freedom of worship.

## DOUBLE KILLING

**Chicago has Two Murders in One Day—Another Man May Die From Wounds.**

Chicago, May 2.—Two killings occurred here this morning. One victim was Charles Lindley, aged 23. He

FATHER'S BUSY AFTERNOON.



"Strange, father said he would be so busy at the office this afternoon!"

—Donahue in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## ACCUSED MURDERERS ASK FOR FAIR TRIAL

**One of the Attorneys for the Defence Asserts That the People of Boise are Prejudiced Against Moyer-Haywood and Pettibone.**

**Idaho's Governor Denies His Intention to Proclaim Martial Law During the Trial—Trial is Scheduled to Begin May Ninth and All Eyes will Then be Directed to the Western State.**

Boise, Idaho, May 2.—Clarence Darrow, of counsel for Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone, of the Western Federation of Miners, who are charged with complicity in the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, has issued a formal statement. It is anticipated that the statement would be a direct reply to President Roosevelt's "undesirable citizens" letter, but the statement is general and references to the president are to former letters of the executive. The statement in part follows:

"We have been charged with killing ex-Governor Steunenberg with a dynamite bomb. Our trial is to begin May 9. The details of the assassination have been published broadcast over the country, charging us with guilt and crime. These are republished in every paper in the land, and especially every paper of Idaho.

The governor of Colorado adds his words of spite and venom of the president and says that we are not only guilty of the crime charged, but many others, too. While the president of the United States and the governor of Colorado are sending out their statements, we are sending out our statement. We are a citizen before him for contempt on the charge that he tried to influence the mind of a prospective juror by saying that the state administration was trying to railroad us. On the appearance of this man in court the judge told the state's attorney that he should have this obscure farmer indicted for felony, because he

counsel or a chance to appeal to the courts, and brought us on a special train a thousand miles from home and into a state and community systematically poisoned against us by newspapers and officials.

"We have been in jail 14 months and denied bail, while constantly demanding a trial. Every effort has been made to teach the farmers, business men and workmen of the community that we are assassins and outlaws.

"Our case is about to be reached, and the president of the United States, in no way interested of officially or otherwise, sends two letters broadcast over the country, charging us with guilt and crime. These are republished in every paper in the land, and especially every paper of Idaho.

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tried to influence the mind of a prospective juror. The president knows how much greater weight will be given to his words than those of an obscure citizen.

"If we are about to be tried in court, every law-abiding citizen, however great or humble should do everything in his power to cool the passions of man rather than add fuel to the flames. If we are to be thrown to the mob the officers should at least open our prison doors and give us some chance to defend ourselves."

Barring the pallor inseparable from confinement, Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone show no mark of long confinement, nor apparent trepidation at the close approach of the trial. They were laughing at a story told by one of their counsel when they received a correspondent of the Press yesterday afternoon, and laughter went on until the discussion of the old battle of wits and labor gravened the present conversation.

To the question, "Famously fitted for the job," in of gifts and re's nothing like a beautiful re- versers

## LIST OF DEAD IN MINE ACCIDENT REACHES ELEVEN

**All Men in the Mine are Accounted for—Fifty-three of the Sixty-four Climbed a Ladder and Made Their Escape Through an Air Shaft.**

Charleston, W. Va., May 2.—Late reports from Whipple Mine, Fayette county, where the disaster occurred yesterday, are that every one of the 64 miners in the shaft when the explosion occurred are accounted for and the death list reaches 11. Four are injured, one of whom may die. The dead are: Robert Armstrong, Charles Burgess, Hinson Burgess, Ernest Kelly, Ira Kelly, James Wiley, Ra-

leigh Tucker, Ed Smith, George Samper, William Wilson (colored), and John Thompson.

Fifty-three men, including the injured, escaped by climbing a ladder in the air shaft, a distance of 450 feet.

The cause of the explosion is not known. The mine was supposed to be the safest in the state.

The deaths were apparently caused by suffocation, as the bodies of the men were found unmarked.

## MEXICO READY FOR WAR WITH GUATEMALA

**Ten Thousand Troops Have Been Mobilized on the Guatemalan Border and a Declaration of War May be Expected at Any Moment.**

Mexico City, Mex., May 2.—Mexico ready to declare war upon Guatemala at any moment. Relations between two governments are so strained that such a declaration is imminent. Over 10,000 Mexican troops have been mobilized near the Guatemala border.

To add to the seriousness of the situation caused by the dispute over the extradition of General Lima, who is wanted in Mexico of insults are reported to have been offered daily to Mexicans citizens in Guatemala.

### DIXIE FLYER WRECKED; ONE KILLED MANY INJURED

Atlanta, Ga., May 2.—The Dixie flyer on the Central Railroad of Georgia is wrecked. One killed and a number injured and several fatally are reported.

## PLAN TO IMPEACH PRESIDENT, ABANDONED

**Socialistic Labor Leaders Declare it will be Useless to Make the Attempt at This Time.**

Chicago, May 2.—Chicago labor has decided to abandon the plan to file articles of impeachment against President Roosevelt.

The legal committee appointed to advise the unions, expressed the opinion that "it will be worse than useless to attempt to proceed against the president at this time, when the sen-

ate is filled with his political associates and dependents."

Instead of the impeachment, ten thousand workmen adopted an open letter, to the public in general and the working class especially, criticizing the president and pledging support to Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

## KNOCKED HIM DOWN

**Mayor Shows Fighting Blood When Negro was Brought Before Him.**

Philadelphia, Pa., May 2.—Edward Gibson, a negro, who attempted to assault Miss Dorothy Paris, aged 19, last night was terribly beaten by a mob attracted by the girl's cries, near Wernola.

The negro, after capture, was taken before Mayor Lawrence, who when told of the brutality of the assault, knocked the negro down.

### A SHOOTING FOLLOWS LOCAL OPTION ELECTION

Washington, C. H., O., May 2.—While Fred Marchant, aged 27, was sitting on a bed in agony, last